



# First Mennonite Church of Halstead

June 21, 2026

*God is always creating, always doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19). Welcome to worship, where we listen for the new word God has for us today.*

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**Gathering Music** – Kent Dick

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* - Thygerson/Lasky

**Welcome and Announcements** - Ruth Mueller

**Centering Music** – Kent Dick

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* - Wagner

**Call to Worship** – Pastor Steve

**\*Worship Through Singing – Come, thou fount – HWB #521**

1 Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer, hith-er by thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-

sing thy grace. Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for  
help I'm come, and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly  
strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God. He, to  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my

mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

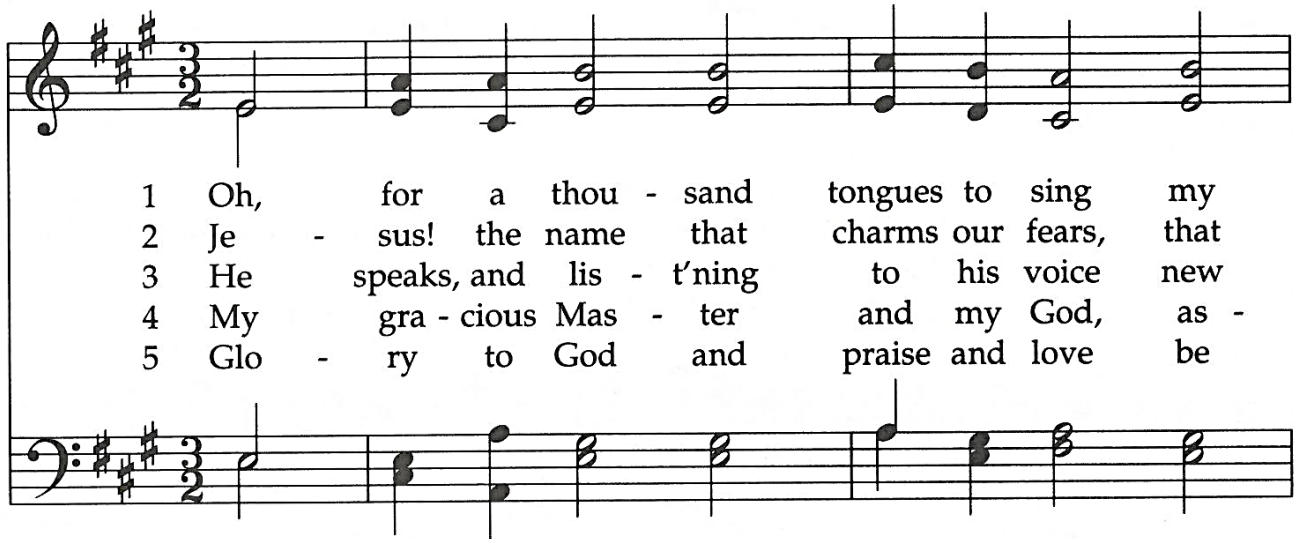
**\*Worship Through Singing** – *Jesus Strong and Kind* – Lyrics  
Projected

**Offering & Offertory** – Peace Connections/Circle of Hope  
*O God, Thou Faithful God* - Reger

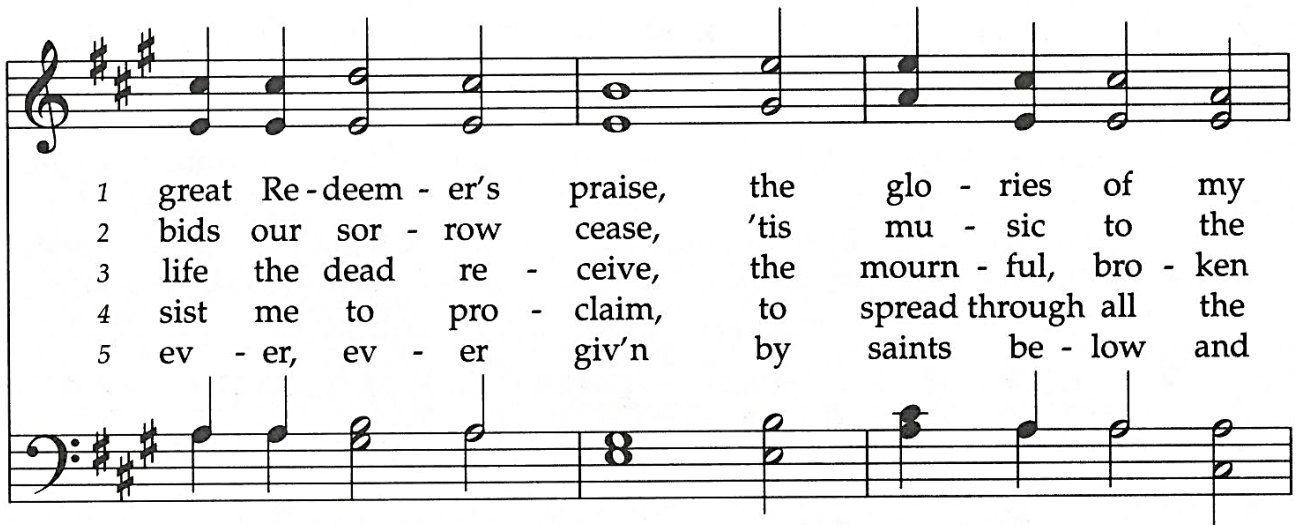
**Scripture Reading** – Ruth 4 (p. 415-17)

**Children's Time** – Melanie Haspels  
*A nursery is available in the basement for  
children aged 4 and younger following Children's Time.*

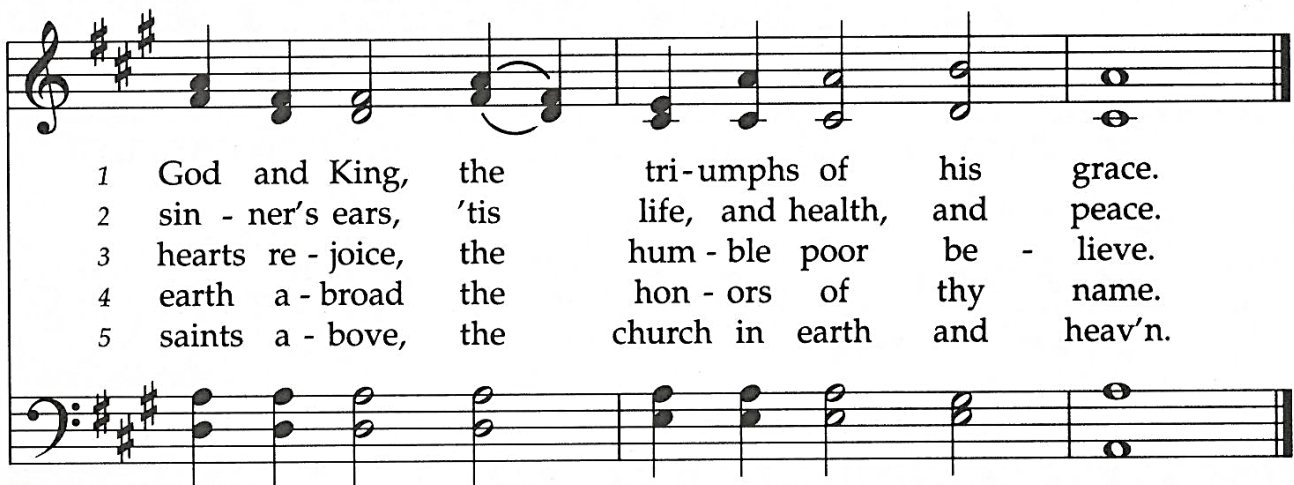
**Worship Through Singing** – *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing*  
– HWB #110



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
3 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice new  
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
5 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be



1 great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
2 bids our sor - row cease, 'tis mu - sic to the  
3 life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
4 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
5 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and



1 God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
2 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
3 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
4 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
5 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

## **Congregational Prayer – Pastor Steve**

### **Message – Pastor Steve**

*Living Small Stories Inside God's Big One*

### **Response Song – Goodness of God – Lyrics Projected**

### **Closing Prayer**

### **\*Sending Song - The King of Love – Lyrics Projected**

### **Benediction**

### **\*Postlude – Kent Dick**

*I'll Praise My Maker - Page*

\*Please stand if you are able

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

June 21	5:00 p.m.	Golf Outing at Wedgewood Golf Course
June 22	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting
June 23	8:00 p.m.	Vision Team meeting
June 25	1:00 p.m.	Care Team meeting

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The rose on the organ is in honor of John Will's 92nd birthday today.** Happy Birthday John!

**The July newsletter deadline** is Tuesday, June 23.

**The July/August issue of *The Upper Room*** is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and in the literature rack outside Stauffer Hall.

**First Mennonite's annual golf outing TONIGHT!** The cookout starts at 5 p.m. with tee-off at 6 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided, remember to bring a side dish to accompany the meal. If you signed up to golf, we'll see you there!

**Adults: Join us for Sunday School this summer!** A combined adult class will meet in Stauffer Hall June 7 through August 30. Pathfinders will also meet in their basement classroom. The schedule for the combined adult class is below:

- June 21: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- June 28: Guest speaker Grace Parker Sutter from WDC's "Kids Meet Christ" program
- July 5: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- July 12: Guest speaker Lyle Miller from Everence
- July 19: FMC supported missionaries – the Givens family or possible fellowship Sunday if they are unavailable.
- July 26: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 2: FMC supported missionaries – the Woodward-Breckbill family
- Aug. 9: Old Settlers Sunday – NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Aug. 16: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 23: "The Power of God's Names" video series by Tony Evans
- Aug. 30: Fellowship Sunday with refreshments and class planning.

**The summer Sunday School mission project is Zone 33 Student Ministries.** Several of our youth attend regularly on Wednesday nights and it's a great outreach program in our community!

**The Prayer Team invites anyone who would like to be involved** in praying for the needs of our church, community and world, to let Ruth Mueller or Pastor Steve know. The group meets monthly on a weekday morning and receives weekly emails of prayer needs and updates.

**The link to register for the Western District Conference** annual conference was sent with the bulletin packet. It will be held August 7-9, 2026, at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, Texas. If you are planning to attend, either in-person or virtually, and would be willing to be a delegate to represent FMC, please let Melanie know by July 20. An abundance of information about the conference was emailed with the bulletin packet. If you would like to have it printed out to read instead, please let Melanie know.

**You are invited to join the MCC Mini Blitz** on Friday, June 26, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. If you can tie a knot, you can help complete comforters at MCC, no sewing required. So bring a friend, a kid or a grandkid and meet new friends as you help complete comforters to benefit people around the world. All are asked to bring a snack to share and your own sack lunch. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or find out more at [mcc.org/mini-blitz](http://mcc.org/mini-blitz).

**The Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to participate in their shopping cart bingo from June 18 (beginning at 5 p.m.) and ending on June 27 at 5:30 p.m. Work toward a bingo by purchasing items, shopping on specific days, and doing some fun tasks. Winners receive a \$10 gift card. Standard bingo rules apply. Only one card and bingo per customer.

**Hospice & HomeCare of Reno County, in collaboration with** the Kansas Cosmosphere, is inviting all children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Kids Kamp – Space to Grieve on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend but registration is required as space is limited. Call 620-665-2473 or scan the QR code on the bulletin board to register. Registration ends on June 23 or when spaces are filled.

**Colorado peaches are coming! Palisade peaches** from western Colorado will be available for pre-order starting June 15. Two sizes are available: 9 lb. for \$31 and 18 lb. for \$43. An additional \$1 per box has been added as fuel expenses will be higher this summer. All orders must be received and paid in full by July 15. No orders will be accepted after this date. Orders can

be placed by emailing the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Please send payments to MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton KS 67117 or drop off at the MCC office located at 121 East 30th, North Newton. Estimated pick-up date is Monday, August 10 at the MCC warehouse. This date will be confirmed later in July. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs sells the peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, October 17 in Castle Rock, CO. Thank you for supporting MCC!

**Bethel College Update: In honor of the U.S. semiquincentennial** (250 years), the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College has a small exhibit of books owned by the MLA that were published in 1776. The 9 titles are in German, Dutch and French. You can view the exhibit in the MLA Mon.-Thurs., June 22-25 and June 29-July 2 (Mon. 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tues.-Weds.-Thurs. 9:30-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.). The MLA is closed starting July 3 and reopens in August, when the display is available for viewing again. **Bethel College is hosting Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps**, a top-tier competitive drum corps, on campus through July 7. They will give a free performance July 4, 8 p.m., in Thresher Stadium – everyone is welcome!

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Keep Cody and Jessica in prayer as they are expecting a new addition to their family! The pregnancy has been listed as high risk, so they are asking people to pray for Jessica and the new baby.
- Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition and for potential pastoral candidates, as they each discern the Holy Spirit's leading in equipping the church for mission and ministry.

- Mennonite Mission Network: Today, as people in the United States celebrate the father figures in their lives, pray that those who do not have a father to celebrate with will find solace in the love and sacrifice that our heavenly parent has freely given to all.

**SUNDAY INFORMATION**

<b>NURSERY TODAY</b>	Michaela Forkenbrock, Casey Jacob, Brianna Oneth
<b>PIANIST/ORGANIST</b>	Kent Dick
<b>OFFERING LAST SUNDAY</b>	
Church Budget	\$2,145.00
MCUSA	100.00
Peace Connections	100.00
Western District Conference	1,121.36
<b>ATTENDANCE ON LAST SUNDAY</b>	95
<b>OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY</b>	MC USA
<b>NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY</b>	Lauren Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Eli Wilcox